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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, NL, CZ
SUBJ: DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT VAN DER STOEL WILL
VISIT PRAGUE FEB 28-MARCH 2 FOR TALKS WITH CHNOUPEK WHO VISITED
NETHERLANDS IN NOVEMBER 1975. VAN DER STOEL WILL ALSO BE
RECEIVED BY PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL.

2. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, DISCUSSIONS ARE SCHEDULED
ON CSCE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE AND OVERALL EAST-WEST RELATIONS.
SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VAN DER STOEL WILL CERTAINLY RAISE
HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES IN LIGHT OF CZECH ACTIONS AGAINST CHARTER
'77 SIGNATORIES. "HELSINKI OR NO HELSINKI, CZECHOSLOVAKIA IS
ALSO A PRTY TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS." SPOKESMAN REJECTED SUGGESTION THAT FON MINS
VISIT AT THIS TIME SIGNIFIED APPROVAL FOR CZECH DENIAL
OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

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3. VAN DER STOEL, WHO HAS LONG RECORD OF SUPPOT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS,
HAS MADE IT CLEAR TO CZECH AMBASSADOR HERE THAT HE PLANS TO
RAISE DISSIDENT ISSUE. ACCORDING TO MFA EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS
CHIEF HAZEWINKEL, AMBASSADOR RELAYED MESSAGE FROM CHNOUPEK
THAT DUTCH ARE FREE TO RAISE ANYTHING, BUT HE HOPES THEY
ARE ALSO PREPARED TO LISTEN. HAZEWINKEL TELLS US THAT
CZECHS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO VAN DER STOEL VISIT, A

CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH MAKES DUTCH SOMEWAHT UNCOMFORTABLE. WITH EYES OF DUTCH PUBLIC ON HIM, VAN DER STOEL IS NOTLIKELY TO SHRINK FROM CHANCE TO UPBraid CZECHS. HAZEWINKEL SAID THAT VAN DER STOEL WOULD NOT ATTEMPT, HOWEVER, TO HAVE CONTACT WITH CHARTER '77 DISSIDENTS.

4. IN ADDITION TO HAZEWINKEL, FON MIN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY PRESS SPOKESMAN BREMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS VAN HATTUM, AND CSCE EXPERT BIEGMAN.
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